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ITEMS FOR THE DIRECTOR'S BLACK BOOK

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1. On 23 June, [] briefed former Speaker McCormack for the third time in this series of periodic briefings. The Speaker appears to be genuinely appreciative of the fact that the briefings are taking place and with the information provided. Bill has established good rapport with the Speaker and remains tactfully in control of the situation despite numerous interruptions for observations, questions, or recollections by the Speaker.

2. Badillo Amendment - On 17 June the House, led by Chairman Hebert, defeated an amendment to the Defense procurement bill which sought to ban CIA participation in "guerilla warfare" in SE Asia by imposing a restriction on our charter under the National Security Act of 1947. (Earlier we had dealt with the Committee staff on this proposition.) Hebert's principal point was that the Agency operates under the direction of the President and initiates no activity on its own. The amendment was defeated 172 to 46 on a division vote, a voting procedure where members are not identified for the record. The amendment was offered by Representative Herman Badillo, freshman Democrat from New York City, and actively supported by Robert Leggett (D., Calif.), who is a member

of the Armed Services Committee, John Conyers (D., Mich.), and Jerome Waldie (D., Calif.). Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.) supported Hebert and expressed his confidence in the oversight functions performed by Hebert and Arends.

Badillo's prime point was that CIA should be limited to the intelligence activities specified in the National Security Act of 1947. Waldie argued that the only check upon the President is the constitutional power of congressional oversight and asked the Speaker to identify the members of the CIA oversight committee so that House members could judge whether they could be entrusted with fulfilling their responsibilities. Representative Martha Griffiths (D., Mich.) used the opportunity to remind all that former congresswoman Edna Kelly had been calling for an oversight committee for CIA for many years.